

Vernon Area Public Library

SPRING 2020

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GET A LIBRARY CARD

- **at the Checkout Desk:** Residents, bring a photo ID showing your current address; property owners, business owners, and temporary residents, see vapld.info/card for ID requirements.
- **online:** vapld.info/card

FIND LIBRARY MATERIALS

Find books, e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, video games, and other materials available for checkout or download at search.vapld.info. Log in with your library card number and PIN (usually the last four digits of your phone number) to place materials on hold.

ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNT

- **vapld.info/account:** log in with your library card number and PIN (usually the last four digits of your phone number)
- **in the Vernon Library app:** download for free in your app store

BOOK A STUDY ROOM

- Study rooms accommodate 4–8 people.
- Reserve a room for up to 2 hours by calling the day before: 224-543-1485 (adult) or 224-543-1486 (youth).
- Vernon Area Public Library cardholders only.

PROGRAM NOTES

- Library classes, performances, and events are **free and open to all** unless otherwise indicated.
- **Hearing loop:** Audio enhancement available at most programs held in the Meeting Room.
- **ASL interpreter** can be arranged for any program; please give advance notice.
- **Photos and videos may be taken:** If you do not wish to be photographed, please notify staff.

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Charitable collections at the library



February 23–March 15

Formal dresses & clutch purses

For the Glass Slipper Project —
making prom dreams come true



April 4–17

**Old shoes & boots,
tied/banded together in pairs**

For SWALCO/Reuse-a-Shoe —
reuse or recycling



Year-round

**Non-perishables, personal hygiene &
household products**

For Vernon Township Food Pantry

**Drop-off bins for these collections
are in the library lobby**



New program series honors the immigrant experience

In what ways do immigrants change America, and in what ways does America change immigrants? What hopes and experiences do immigrants share? The 2020 “Coming to America” Reading Groups for Public Libraries series explores these ideas through books, movies, lectures, and a crowd-sourced community project.

The Coming to America series is anchored by a selection of books translated from Yiddish and set at the turn of the 20th century and following World War II—stories with elements many of us will recognize from our own families’ immigration stories. The books and related programs dig into questions of identity, assimilation, language, cuisine, and generational change. An oral history project called “First Day in America” provides a platform for you to share your stories. See this season’s event listings on p. 11. The series continues through fall.

The Yiddish Book Center’s “Coming to America” Reading Groups for Public Libraries is made possible by a generous gift from Sharon Karmazin. Find more info at america.vapld.info.

Census 2020: Be counted

The Constitution requires that everyone living in the United States is counted every ten years. Why?

There are two reasons: The count determines how many representatives each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and it determines how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities every year. These dollars impact your neighborhood school, local fire department, nearby hospital, and the roads you drive on.

The short message is this: the census helps shape our community. This is why libraries and schools are helping make sure that everyone is counted—young, old, citizen, non-citizen, homeowner, renter...everyone.

Around March 12, your household will receive an invitation to respond. You can answer online, by mail, or by telephone. If you don’t respond by April 30, a trained census worker will visit your home to get your answers. If you have questions or need internet access to respond, your library is here to help. Stop in and ask at any public desk during library hours.



Dig in the dirt to help neighbors in need

Saturday, May 30, is planting day for the Library Garden. Kids (at 9:30 AM) and adults (11 AM) come to the lawn behind the Annex, 4 Indian Creek Road, to learn about gardening basics and plant vegetables with the help of a Master Gardener from the University of Illinois Extension Office. The best part? Every tomato, zucchini, and green bean that grows throughout the summer is picked fresh and donated to the Vernon Township Food Pantry. So sign up to help out! See listings on p. 6 (grades K–5) and p. 11 (adults).



Looking for a good book? Check the 'hidden' stash

Vernon Area Public Library teamed up with a bunch of neighboring libraries to share e-books and digital audiobooks. The partnership means you have access to more than 77,000 e-book copies and 21,000 audiobook copies. The catch? You can only see them when you're logged in to cloudLibrary. (They don't all show up in the regular library catalog.) Get cloudLibrary in the app store on your device. For help, go to guides.vapld.info/digital_media, visit the library, or call 224-543-1485.



Get smart(er) about your money

Around national Money Smart Week in April, the library hosts events to help you take control of your finances with confidence. Program listings are on pages 9–10. Plus, help budding entrepreneurs get started in the world of business: drop in at the **Kid Market**, an award-winning Money Smart Week event for all ages, Saturday, April 4, 1–3 PM. See listing on p. 5 or visit vapld.info/kidmarket.



Your time and talents needed: Find out more at the Community Volunteer Fair

Drop in at the library Sunday, March 15, 1–3:30 PM, to talk with representatives from local nonprofits about their important work and what you can do to help. There are volunteer opportunities for teens, too. Find more info, including participating organizations, at vapld.info/volunteerfair.



Baby Rhyme Storytime • 0–14 months

Miss Kelsey guides you and your baby through research-based activities and books that promote reading readiness. Best for infants, crawlers, and beginning walkers. **DROP IN**
WEDNESDAYS, 9:30–10 AM OR 11–11:30 AM
MARCH 4, 11, APRIL 1, 8, 22, MAY 6, 13, 27

New Parents & Babies Playgroup • 0–14 months

Meet other caregivers in this casual playdate that takes place between Baby Rhyme Storytime sessions. Swap stories and find support while tots play and socialize. **DROP IN**
WEDNESDAYS, 10–11 AM
MARCH 4, 11, APRIL 1, 8, 22, MAY 6, 13, 27

Wiggling Ones • 12–24 months

Giggle, sing, and jam along with your toddler in this music- and movement-centered program led by Miss Heather. This is an active program; be prepared to move! **TICKET**
TUESDAYS, 9:30–10 AM OR 10:30–11 AM
MARCH 3, 10, 17, APRIL 7, 14, 21, MAY 5, 12, 19

Together 2s & 3s • 2–3 years

Share stories and learn sign language with Miss Sarah. Activities and books centered around a letter of the day help your child develop letter recognition. **TICKET**
MONDAYS, 9:30–10 AM OR 10:30–11 AM
MARCH 2, 9, 16, APRIL 6, 13, 20, MAY 4, 11, 18

Preschool Storytime • 3–5 years

Children attend this storytime independently to help them get ready for school while the accompanying adult remains in the library. Adults join their children and Miss Emily at the end to sing the song of the day. **DROP IN**
THURSDAYS, 10–10:30 AM OR 1:30–2 PM
MARCH 5, 12, 19, APRIL 2, 9, 16, MAY 7, 14, 21

Tuck-Me-In Tales • 0–6 years

Dress in pajamas, snuggle with your stuffed animal, and wind down from the day with books, songs, and rhymes. **DROP IN**
TUESDAYS, 6:30–7 PM
MARCH 3, APRIL 7, MAY 5

Under Five Family Time • 0–5 years

After a busy week, spend quality time together enjoying stories, rhymes, music, and themed crafts perfect for the pre-K crowd. **TICKET**
SATURDAYS, 10:30–11:15 AM
MARCH 7, APRIL 18, MAY 23

Science Detectives • 3–6 years

Young children explore the world around them through hands-on activities inspired by storybooks. **REGISTER**
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 6:30–7 PM

Mini Math Magicians • 3–5 years

The fun really adds up in this crafty program. Explore math concepts through books, games, and a craft. **REGISTER**
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 10–10:30 AM

A Taste of Storytime • 0–5 years

The whole family is invited to this sampler of weekday storytimes, plus coffee and donuts! Find out how early learning activities set the stage for your child's success. Meet other families and your library's early learning experts. **TICKET**
SATURDAYS, 10–10:30 AM • MARCH 21, APRIL 4, MAY 16

Little Spring Fling • 0–3 years

Dance off your winter blues and celebrate the coming of spring at this high-energy dance party. **DROP IN**
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 9:30–10:15 AM OR 11–11:45 AM

TICKET: Get free tickets at the library on the day of the event. First-come, first-served.

REGISTER: Sign up at calendar.vapld.info or call 224-543-1486 starting 30 days before the program.

DROP IN: No ticket or registration required.

ALL PROGRAMS: Children must be accompanied by an adult. Siblings welcome. (Exception: Preschool Storytime.)

You've Got Talent! Storytime and Showcase • 3–6 years

Stories, dancing, and an uplifting showcase of preschool feats boost your tot's positive self-expression and self-esteem. Optional: Sign up for a 5-minute time slot to share a talent (like sweet dance moves or a super-cute high five) 30 minutes before the program begins. [REGISTER](#)
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 10–11 AM

Starry Night Storytime • 0–6 years

Bring your little star to an evening storytime sure to get out those last few wiggles. [DROP IN](#)
THURSDAYS, 6–6:30 PM
MARCH 26, APRIL 23, MAY 28

Little Yogis Storytime • 3 years & up

Combine well-being and reading readiness through stories, rhymes, and simple poses for you and your child. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. [REGISTER](#)
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 10–10:45 AM

Family Concert: Rock & Reading with Leonardo • all ages

Wear your dancing shoes and bring your best air guitar moves for an interactive concert that inspires rockers to become readers with Parents' Choice Award winner Leonardo. [REGISTER](#)
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 11 AM–12 PM

Kindergarten Readiness • 4–5 years

Make sure your young learner is ready for the first day of grade school. Attend this program to help them develop and practice skills they can build on. A different skill is taught each session with plenty of time to practice. [REGISTER](#)
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 4:30–5 PM
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 4:30–5 PM

Bump to Baby Expo • adults

See listing on p. 8.
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 10 AM–1 PM

Let's Learn Spanish! • 0–6 years

¡Bienvenidos a nuestro tiempo de cuentos! Celebrate the language and cultures of Spanish-speaking countries in this storytime filled with books, music, and movement. All levels welcome—beginning through fluent. [REGISTER](#)
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 10–10:45 AM

Family Concert: Little Miss Ann • all ages

An Old Town School of Folk Music favorite, Little Miss Ann brings her energetic, interactive show to the library. This Parent's Choice Award winner's lively performance is sure to get everyone moving. [REGISTER](#)
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 11 AM–12 PM

Write Away • grades 3–4

Stretch your imagination and polish your writing in this creative workshop. For students in grade 5, see listing on p. 6. [REGISTER](#)
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 4:30–5:30 PM

The Impact of Anxiety on Today's Youth • adults

See listing on p. 8.
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 9:30–11:30 AM

Exploring Great Artists: Georgia O'Keeffe • grades K–5

Learn about the life and work of the American artist known for her larger-than-life paintings of flowers. Then, create your own painting inspired by O'Keeffe's *Red Poppy*. [REGISTER](#)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: 4:30–5:30 PM
GRADES 3–5: 7–8 PM

Improv Playhouse presents "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" grades K–5 with an adult

A bored boy, a flock of sheep, a frustrated village, and a hungry wolf: Improv Playhouse Theatre for Young Audiences puts its unique spin on this classic Aesop's fable. [REGISTER](#)
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 11 AM–12 PM

The Science of Sound • grades K–5

Learn about the fundamentals of sound in an interactive musical program presented by the Sapphire Woodwind Quintet. [REGISTER](#)
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 4:30–5:30 PM

K–9 Reading Buddies • grades 1–5

A trained therapy dog listens patiently while your grade school student reads aloud, helping build confidence and encourage reading. [REGISTER](#) for a 15-minute appointment beginning 30 days before the program: call 224-543-1486 or sign up at the Youth Desk. (Sorry, no online registration.)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 6:15–7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 6:15–7:30 PM

ROCK & READING WITH LEONARDO – APRIL 11



Lego Architects • grades K–4

Work through a challenge, then let your imagination run wild during free building time. For grade 5, see Lego Master Builders: 50-Piece Challenge, p. 7. REGISTER

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2–3 PM OR 4:30–5:30 PM

Chess Challenge Meetup • grades 2–8

Test your knowledge and sharpen your skills. REGISTER

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2–3:30 PM

Soaring Science • grades 3–5

Learn how design changes affect what your paper airplane can do in this hands-on STEM program. REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2–2:45 PM OR 4–4:45 PM

Baseball Opening Day Celebration • grades K–5

Dress in your team's jersey, hear a story, and make a craft to mark opening day 2020. REGISTER

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: 4:30–5:15 PM

GRADES 3–5: 7–8 PM

Kid Market • all ages

The library is transformed into a marketplace where young vendors sell their homemade goods. Stop by to visit with these budding entrepreneurs, shop their products, and help launch them in the world of business. DROP IN anytime during hours.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1–3 PM

Improv Workshop • grades 3–5

Learn how to perform and collaborate in make-it-up-as-you-go skits. Members of Stevenson High School's student Improv Troupe teach basic techniques and tips. REGISTER

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 4:30–5:30 PM

Disgusting Science: Really Gross Anatomy • grades K–5

This hands-on STEM program about bodily functions combines physiology fun with activities to get delightfully disgusting results. Dress for a mess! REGISTER

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: 4:30–5:15 PM

GRADES 3–5: 7–7:45 PM

Family Concert: Rock & Reading with Leonardo

all ages with an adult

Wear your dancing shoes and bring your best air guitar moves for an interactive concert that inspires rockers to become readers with Parents' Choice Award winner Leonardo. REGISTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 11 AM–12 PM



DISGUSTING SCIENCE – APRIL 9

Mixed Media Book Art • grades 3–5

Use recycled book pages and other materials to make a bouquet of paper flowers with local artist Corrine Dean. All materials provided. REGISTER

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 4:30–5:30 PM

Lego Robotics • grades K–5

Build and program interactive models using the Lego Education WeDo software in this hands-on program. REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: 4:30–5:30 PM

GRADES 3–5: 7–8 PM

Build-a-Puppet Workshop • grades K–5

Create a sock puppet fairy-tale character, then bring it to life in a short skit led by local puppeteer Susan Fulcher of Suzette's Puppets. All materials provided. REGISTER

MONDAY, APRIL 27

GRADES K–2: 4:30–5:30 PM

GRADES 3–5: 6:30–7:30 PM

Sphero Battle Bots • grades 3–5

Create armor for a Sphero robot, then challenge your friends to a battle. All materials provided. REGISTER

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 4:30–5:45 PM

Free Comic Book Day • all ages

One per person, while supplies last.

SATURDAY, MAY 2, STARTING AT 9 AM

SHS Improv Troupe's Interactive Family Show

grades K–5 with an adult

Stevenson High School improv players create short scenes on the spot with audience participation. It's bananas! REGISTER

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 11 AM–12 PM

KIDS • GRADES K–5

Animals of Lake County • grades K–5

Learn about the habitats and behaviors of wild animals that live right in our backyard. Naturalists from the Lake County Forest Preserve introduce you to some amazing creatures. REGISTER

TUESDAY, MAY 5

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: 4:30–5:15 PM

GRADES 3–5: 6–6:45 PM

My First Robot • grades K–2 with an adult

Learn programming concepts like sequencing to make KIBO robots light up, make noise, and move. REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 4:30–5:30 PM OR 7–8 PM

Art Workshop • grades K–5

Express your creativity to make a one-of-a-kind work of art. Local Artist Shari Pontillo of Twisted Fiber Studio leads grades K–2 in a tile-painting technique and grades 3–5 in creating string art. All materials provided. REGISTER

THURSDAY, MAY 7

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: 4:30–5:30 PM

GRADES 3–5: 6:30–8 PM

Family Concert: Little Miss Ann • all ages with an adult

An Old Town School of Folk Music favorite, Little Miss Ann brings her energetic, interactive show to the library. This Parent's Choice Award winner's lively performance is sure to get everyone moving. REGISTER

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 11 AM–12 PM

Minecraft Mania • grades K–5

Work with other kids to build structures and strategize to defeat zombies, spiders, and skeletons. Explore the unique worlds of educational MinecraftEdu software. REGISTER

MONDAY, MAY 11

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: 4:30–5:15 PM

GRADES 3–5: 6–7:30 PM

Pete the Cat's Fraction Fiasco • grades K–2

Pete + STEM activities = math fun! Learn about division from *Pete the Cat's Perfect Pizza Party*, then create your own fraction game. REGISTER

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 6:30–7:15 PM

Planting the Library Garden • grades K–5 with an adult

Learn about gardening basics and dig in to plant vegetables in the Library Garden with the help of a Master Gardener from the University of Illinois Extension Office. All produce is donated to the Vernon Township Food Pantry. Optional: Sign up for a week to help tend the garden and deliver harvested vegetables to the nearby pantry during the growing season. REGISTER

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 9:30–10:30 AM

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1–2 PM

TEENS • GRADES 6–12



OFF THE PAGE: A TEEN BOOK CLUB

Write Away • grades 5–8

Stretch your imagination and polish your writing. Games and story starters launch your writing to new heights. REGISTER

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 7–8 PM

ACT/SAT Practice Exam • grades 8–12

Prepare for test day by taking a free practice exam and receive a detailed score analysis within two weeks of testing. Presented in partnership with Huntington Learning Center of Buffalo Grove. Specify ACT or SAT when you REGISTER.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 10 AM–1:30 PM

LIBRARY ANNEX, 4 INDIAN CREEK RD., LINCOLNSHIRE

Games for Grownups • teens & adults

Bring your own game, borrow one from the library, or jump in on a pickup game of chess. DROP IN anytime during hours.

SUNDAYS, 12:30–4 PM

MARCH 8, 22, APRIL 19, MAY 3

Web Design • grades 6–8

Learn to develop a website for a product, service, or campaign in this class for beginners led by Stevenson High School Girls in STEAM. REGISTER

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 6–8 PM

Community Volunteer Fair • teens & adults

See listing on p. 9.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1–3:30 PM

Junior High Book Discussion • grades 6–8

Cheshire Crossing by Andy Weir. A copy of the book (yours to keep) is reserved when you REGISTER.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 7–8 PM

Lego Master Builders: 50-Piece Challenge • grades 5–8

Are you up to the challenge of building a Lego creation with only 50 pieces? See what you can dream up! REGISTER
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 7–8 PM

Chess Challenge Meetup • grades 2–8

Test your knowledge and sharpen your skills. REGISTER
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2–3:30 PM

Off the Page: A Teen Book Club • grades 8–12

Meet at Culver's and add your voice to the banter while enjoying frozen custard—the library's treat! Also, help decide which books the club will read and discuss next season. A copy of the book (yours to keep) is reserved when you REGISTER.

SELECTED MONDAYS, , 7–8:15 PM
CULVER'S, 405 MILWAUKEE AVE., LINCOLNSHIRE

MARCH 30: *I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka

APRIL 27: *Far from the Tree* by Robin Benway

Supporting Our Teens' Positive Mental Health • adults

See listing on p. 8.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 7–8 PM

Improv Workshop • grades 6–8

Learn how to perform and collaborate in make-it-up-as-you-go skits. Members of Stevenson High School's student Improv Troupe teach basic techniques and tips. REGISTER
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 6–7 PM

Mixed Media Book Art • grades 6–8

Use recycled book pages and other crafting materials to make a bouquet of paper flowers with local artist Corrine Dean. All materials provided. REGISTER
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 6:30–8 PM

Silhouette Cameo: Vinyl Stickers • grades 6 & up

Learn to design and create a vinyl sticker using the library's Silhouette Cameo, a programmable cutting machine. Apply the sticker to a cell phone case, laptop cover, or window. REGISTER
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 6:30–8 PM
OR WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 6:30–8 PM

DIY Sewable Circuits • grades 6 & up

Sew circuits with conductive thread and LEDs to create an original design that lights up. REGISTER
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 6–8 PM

Sphero Battle Bots • grades 6–8

Create armor for a Sphero robot, then challenge your friends to a battle. All materials provided. REGISTER
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 7–8:15 PM

Free Comic Book Day • all ages

One per person, while supplies last.
SATURDAY, MAY 2, STARTING AT 9 AM

Exam Cram • grades 9–12

Hit the books at the library. Study solo or in a group, with extra space, snacks, and Saturday and Sunday extended hours exclusively for high school students. DROP IN anytime during hours.

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 12–7 PM
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 12:30–7 PM
MONDAY, MAY 18, 3:30–8:30 PM
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1:30–8:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1:30–8:30 PM

Volunteer at the library this summer and make a difference

This June and July, contribute to your community, develop new skills, *and* earn service hours in the library's Junior Volunteer program. If you'll be in grades 7–12 for the 2020–21 school year, apply to volunteer here! You'll help with the popular Summer Library Club by signing up patrons and presenting rewards when they complete challenges. And who doesn't like handing out prizes?

Fill out an online application between 9 AM Saturday, April 4, and 9 PM Wednesday, April 8. Get all the details and apply at guides.vapld.info/teenvolunteers.



Parent Education

New and Expecting Parents

Bump to Baby Expo

New and expecting parents: Find out what's new and tried and true in pregnancy, birth, and parenting children ages 0–2. Attend Spark Talks on important parenting topics. Explore local services and organizations, including daycare centers, pediatricians, networking groups, and photographers. Have your tot's car seat checked and adjusted for safety by the Lincolnshire Police and learn baby CPR from the local fire department. Enter to win raffle prizes including gift certificates for pre- and postnatal fitness, baby gear from local mompreneurs, and a variety of gift cards. Children welcome. For more info, visit vapld.info/bumptobaby.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

10–10:45 AM: SPARK TALKS • REGISTER

10:30 AM–1 PM: EXPO • DROP IN

Parents of School-Aged Kids

The Impact of Anxiety on Today's Youth

Dr. Caroline Adelman and Ellen Bee of Chicago Psychotherapy provide an overview of childhood anxiety including its prevalence among high-achieving students, explain what adults can do to identify and support children struggling with anxiety, and discuss strategies to foster resilience in all children. Co-sponsored by District 103 PT Parent Education Team. REGISTER

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 9:30–11:30 AM

Parents of Teens

Supporting Our Teens' Positive Mental Health

Get insights into how to help teens manage stress and anxiety in this moderated discussion with mental health experts including Promila Kumar of Sanjeevani; Mara Heichman, certified professional coach; Dori Mages, licensed clinical social worker with North Shore Family Services; Vrushali Thakkar, Stevenson senior and mental health advocate; and a Stevenson school counselor. Cosponsored by Stevenson High School. REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 7–8 PM



SAPPHIRE WOODWIND QUINTET – MARCH 16

Movies

Popular and acclaimed films, shown with closed captions. More info, including descriptions, at vapld.info/movies. REGISTER

FRIDAYS, 2 PM

MARCH 6: *Judy* (2019, PG-13)

APRIL 17: *Harriet* (2019, PG-13)

MAY 1: *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* (2019, PG-13)

SATURDAYS, 2 PM

MARCH 21: *Hester Street* (1975, PG)

APRIL 18: *Brooklyn* (2015, PG-13)

MAY 30: *Enemies, A Love Story* (1989, R)

Games for Grownups • teens & adults

Bring your own game, borrow one from the library, or jump in on a pickup game of chess. DROP IN anytime during hours.

SUNDAYS, 12:30–4 PM

MARCH 8, 22, APRIL 19, MAY 3

One Book: Author Visit with Madeline Miller

New York Times bestselling author Madeline Miller talks about the inspiration for her novel *Circe*, an intoxicating epic of family rivalry, palace intrigue, love, loss, and a celebration of indomitable female strength. Finale event of this winter's One Book, One Community series; more info at 1book.org. REGISTER

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1–2:30 PM

VERNON HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

145 LAKEVIEW PARKWAY, VERNON HILLS

Senior Series: The Piano Men

Experience acclaimed Chicago cabaret duo Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael's tribute to three iconic pianists—Barry Manilow, Michael Feinstein, and Billy Joel. REGISTER

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1–2 PM

Book Discussion with Judy Levin

Thought-provoking, diverse reads beyond the best sellers. More info at vapld.info/readers. Copies available to Vernon Area Library cardholders, at the Adult Desk. REGISTER
SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10–11:30 AM

MARCH 12: *Kindred* by Octavia E. Butler

APRIL 9: *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro

MAY 14: *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

Community Volunteer Fair • teens & adults

Find out how you can use your time and talents to strengthen your community. Stop in to talk with representatives from local nonprofits. For participating organizations, visit vapld.info/volunteerfair. DROP IN anytime during hours.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1–3:30 PM

Lunch & Learn:

Bertha Benz & the History of the German Automobile

The pioneering efforts of Bertha Benz, business partner and wife of inventor Karl Benz, brought global attention to the world's first production automobile. Historian Anette Isaacs shares Bertha's fascinating story. Bring your lunch starting at noon; coffee and dessert provided. REGISTER

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 12:30–1:30 PM

Sapphire Woodwind Quintet Performance

Hear this popular group perform music by women composers, including selections by Maddalena Casulana, the first woman to have music published (in the 1500s). REGISTER

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 6:30–7:30 PM

Must-Read Nonfiction Book Discussion

True stories that are engaging, informative, and important. Copies available to Vernon Area Library cardholders beginning four weeks before discussion, at the Adult Desk. REGISTER
THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH, 7–8 PM

MARCH 16: *Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland* by Patrick Radden Keefe

APRIL 20: *City of Scaundrels: The 12 Days of Disaster That Gave Birth to Modern Chicago* by Gary Krist

MAY 11: *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover

Thirsty Thursdays: Books on Tap • ages 21–39

If you're in your 20s or 30s, meet for a book discussion with excellent people over adult beverages and delicious food. Find reading selections and REGISTER on Meetup: vapld.info/ttbot.

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 6–8:30 PM

MARCH 19, APRIL 16, MAY 21

THE CHATTERBOX, 330 OLD MCHENRY RD., LONG GROVE

Art Workshop: Reimagining Picasso

Use paint and collage techniques to create your own version of a Picasso masterpiece with guidance from art instructor Terri Murphy. All materials provided. REGISTER

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 7–8:30 PM

"Count Me In!" Census Day

Spread the word that everyone counts in the 2020 Census. Social media photo ops, trivia, raffles, and giveaways help get the message out. Get answers to questions or help completing your form, too. DROP IN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 9 AM–9 PM

Money Smart Week: Protect Yourself Against Identity Theft

Learn to prevent identity theft, an increasingly common crime. Payments expert Jamie Topolski explains how to protect your private information including social security number, birth date, and driver's license number. REGISTER

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 6:30–7:30 PM

Confessions of an Antarctic Expedition Guide

Find out what it's like to live and work in the harshest, most remote location on Earth. Expedition guides Wayne and Karen Brown explain the dangers and challenges of the Antarctic climate and discuss the rules they follow for encountering wildlife safely and responsibly. REGISTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 1–2 PM

Money Smart Week: Library Tools for Smart Investing

Learn investing basics and take command of your portfolio using library resources. REGISTER

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 11 AM–12 PM

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SEARCHING FOR SOUTH AMERICA – APRIL 14

Money Smart Week: Estate Planning

Plan ahead to make sure your wishes are legally documented. Begin with this informative overview of probate, wills, trusts, power of attorney for healthcare, and living trusts. [REGISTER](#)
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 6:30–7:30 PM

Lunch & Learn: Searching for South America

Go on a photo tour with world traveler Brian Michalski, who spent a year exploring the southern continent. He shares his adventures trekking the Inca Trail, Patagonia, and the Amazon rain forest. Bring your lunch starting at noon; coffee and dessert provided. [REGISTER](#)
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 12:30–1:30 PM

Senior Series: Portrayal of Harriet Tubman

Actress and scholar Pamela Welcome brings history to life in a moving portrayal of Underground Railroad conductor Harriet Tubman. [REGISTER](#)
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1–2 PM

Folk Music of Russia & Ukraine

The Chicago Cossacks folk music group performs Russian, Ukrainian, and Roma songs and dances. The band plays traditional Russian musical instruments. All ages welcome. Cosponsored by Vernon Township. [REGISTER](#)
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1–2 PM

Senior Citizen Expo Extravaganza

Visit a variety of local vendors and service providers including the library's Senior and Homebound Services team to line up the support you or a loved one needs. Free to all, including seniors, family members, and caregivers. Hosted by the Buffalo Grove Friends of the Parks Foundation, Buffalo Grove Park District, and the Village of Buffalo Grove. [DROP IN](#)
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 10 AM–1:30 PM
ARBORETUM CLUB, 401 HALF DAY RD., BUFFALO GROVE

TEDxVernonAreaLibraryLive: Rebroadcast of TED2020

Be among the first to experience the main stage of TED2020: Uncharted. The annual TED event in Vancouver is known for introducing the ideas and insights of the world's thought leaders. The library is licensed to screen TED2020's fresh ideas long before they will be available to view online. [REGISTER](#)
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 6–8:30 PM

Novel Night Book Discussion

The Third Daughter by Talia Carner. Copies available for extended checkout, at the Adult Desk. [REGISTER](#)
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 7–8 PM

Whodunnit? A Discussion with Historical Mystery Authors

Chicago-area writers Susanna Calkins (*Murder Knocks Twice*), Erica Ruth Neubauer (*Murder at the Mena House*), and Victoria Thompson (*Murder on Trinity Place*) explain how history inspires them to research the past to create their own stories. Books available for purchase and signing, courtesy of the Book Bin of Northbrook. [REGISTER](#)
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 7–8 PM

How to Compost at Home

Food scraps and yard waste make up more than 28 percent of what we throw away; composting at home keeps these materials out of landfills, where they take up space and release methane. Compost also enriches garden soil, reducing the need for chemical fertilizers. Learn the basics. Co-sponsored by Go Green Vernon Hills & Lincolnshire. [REGISTER](#)
MONDAY, MAY 4, 7–8 PM

Senior Series:

Blues & Roots Concert with Joe Filisko & Eric Noden

Experience a high-energy performance by a harmonica legend and percussive guitar marvel. Co-sponsored by the Buffalo Grove Park District. [REGISTER](#)
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1–2 PM

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago presents *Measure for Measure*

The professional players of the Shakespeare Project of Chicago present a full, theatrical reading of this dark comedy, in which virtue and vice collide. Get the full experience: attend the pre-show introduction at 6:15 PM. [REGISTER](#)
MONDAY, MAY 18, 6:30–9 PM

Lunch & Learn: Preview of Monet and Chicago

The Art Institute of Chicago's exhibition (May 10–Sept. 7) illuminates the influential relationship between Claude Monet and his Chicago patrons. Art scholar Kathryn Kremnitzer gives insights into this rare collection of work by the Father of Impressionism. Bring your lunch starting at noon; coffee and dessert provided. [REGISTER](#)
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 12:30–1:30 PM

Planting the Library Garden

Learn about gardening basics and dig in to plant vegetables in the Library Garden with the help of a Master Gardener from the University of Illinois Extension Office. All produce is donated to the Vernon Township Food Pantry. Optional: Sign up for a week to help tend the garden and deliver harvested vegetables to the nearby pantry during the growing season. **REGISTER**

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 11 AM–12 PM

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 31, 12–1 PM

Business

Job Search 101

Landing the right job can be challenging. Learn the basics of today's effective job hunt including electronic resumes, networking, social media, and interview skills. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 9:30–11:30 AM

SCORE One-on-One Business Mentoring

Get free expert advice to launch your business or to help your small business grow: Meet with experienced volunteer mentors each month. Book a one-hour appointment: vapld.info/SCORE.

SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 9 AM–12 PM

MARCH 12, APRIL 9, MAY 14

Census Data for Your Small Business

Reliable demographic and economic data help you identify opportunities, understand the business landscape, and make strategic decisions. Learn to use census tools to get the data you need. Lunch provided. **REGISTER**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 12–1 PM

FOLK MUSIC OF RUSSIA & UKRAINE – APRIL 26



Coming to America

Book Discussions

These twentieth-century stories of Jewish life in New York provide springboards for discussing the common threads among all immigrants. **REGISTER**

Motl the Cantor's Son by Sholem Aleichem

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 7–8:30 PM

OR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1–2:30 PM

Enemies, A Love Story by Isaac Bashevis Singer

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 7–8:30 PM

OR THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1–2:30 PM

A Bintel Brief, the "Dear Abby" Column for Yiddish Immigrants

Scholar Khane-Faygl Turteltaub explains how an iconic advice column in a popular Yiddish newspaper was a valued resource for Jewish immigrants establishing a new identity in America. **REGISTER**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 7–8 PM

Movies

A selection of dramas highlighting the immigrant experience. Shown with closed captions. More info at america.vapld.info. **REGISTER**

SATURDAYS 2 PM

MARCH 21: *Hester Street* (1975, PG)

APRIL 18: *Brooklyn* (2015, PG-13)

MAY 30: *Enemies, A Love Story* (1989, R)

First Day in America: Our Community's Stories

Preserve your memories of your arrival in the United States. Library staff assist you in making a recording in the Media Lab. Your recollections will be part of the library's Coming to America website, america.vapld.info. **REGISTER** for a 15-minute appointment at the Adult Desk or by calling 224-543-1485. Sorry, no online registration.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1–3 PM

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 6:30–8:30 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2–4 PM



Five Tips to Dramatically Improve Your Presentations

Become a public speaker who inspires, teaches, and convinces the audience of your point of view. Learn five essentials to make sure your audience understands your message. [REGISTER](#)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 6:30–8 PM

Women in Career Transition

Whether you're returning to the workforce or looking to change jobs, find out how to (re)package your skills and reach your goal. Leave equipped with tools, techniques, and guidelines to launch your career search. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 9:30–11 AM

QuickBooks: Next Steps

Move beyond the basics with the popular accounting software. A certified QuickBooks expert explains best practices and baseline functions for this tool for small businesses. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 6:30–8 PM

Computers and Technology

Multimedia

Library Media Lab: Digitize Your Photos & Videos

Convert photos, slides, negatives, VHS, or DVD to digital formats for preservation and organization. Learn how easy it is to use the equipment in the Media Lab during this hands-on session. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 7–8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 10–11:30 AM

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 7–8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 10–11:30 AM

Intro to 3D Printing

Learn to create a small object using a ready-to-print file or custom Tinkercad file and the 3D printers at the library. Prerequisites: basic computer skills, Vernon Area Library card. [REGISTER](#)

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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 7–8:30 PM

3D Printing Next Steps

Learn to use Tinkercad and other tools for creating custom designs for 3D printing. Prerequisites: intermediate computer and mouse skills and a Vernon Area Library card. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 7–8:30 PM



COMPUTER TAKE-APART – MAY 26

Special Topics

Silhouette Cameo

The Cameo is a programmable machine that precision-cuts a variety of materials. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 6:30–8:30 PM: Glass Etching
(Bring one glass item; no tempered glass, please.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 10:30 AM–12 PM: Flowerpot Labels
(Bring your own flowerpot or use a small one supplied by the library.)

Intro to Python

Learn, practice, and experiment with the basics of Python, a general-purpose programming language, in this two-part, hands-on class. Prerequisite: intermediate computer skills. No coding experience needed. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, APRIL 6 & 13, 7–8:30 PM

Intro to Python: Loops

Take the next step in learning to code with Python, a general-purpose programming language. Learn and practice the “for” and “while” loops in this hands-on class. Prerequisite: Intro to Python or commensurate experience. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 7–8:30 PM

Virtual Task Lists

Get organized with Todoist, a free app with powerful features that help you stay on track wherever you are. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 7–8:30 PM

Computer Take-Apart

Learn about the workings of the machines we use every day in this hands-on class. Also, find out how to wipe a hard drive before disposing of it. Requisite: Bring an old computer. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 7–8:30 PM

Microsoft

All Word, Excel, and PowerPoint classes are taught using Microsoft 2016

Word Basics

Learn to create, save, and format documents in this introductory class. Prerequisites: mouse and keyboard experience. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 7–8:30 PM

Word Document Formatting

Create a variety of documents in this intermediate class. Prerequisite: Word Basics or commensurate experience. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 7–8:30 PM

Word: Working with Objects

Investigate clip art, picture and text formatting, charts, and other handy tools. Prerequisite: Word Basics or commensurate experience. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 7–8:30 PM

Word Advanced Topics

Explore mail merge, collaboration tools, and style options. Prerequisite: Word Basics, Excel Basics, or commensurate experience. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 7–8:30 PM

Excel Basics

Everything you need to know to create and use spreadsheets: enter and format data and formulas; print, save, and retrieve spreadsheets. Prerequisite: Word Basics or commensurate experience. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 7–8:30 PM

Excel Formulas & Functions

Ditch your calculator: Learn to use Excel formulas, answer questions with logical functions, and explore the differences between relative and absolute references in this hands-on class. Prerequisite: Excel Basics. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 7–8:30 PM

Excel Spreadsheet Formatting

Learn to create a variety of spreadsheets in this class for beginners. Prerequisite: Excel Basics or commensurate experience. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 7–8:30 PM

Excel Charts & Graphs

Add visual interest and tell stories by displaying numbers and data in charts or graphs. Prerequisite: Excel Basics. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 7–8:30 PM

Excel Pivot Tables

Get hands-on instruction and practice with the pivot table, a powerful tool that allows you to organize large amounts of data in a spreadsheet or database to obtain a report.

Prerequisite: Excel Basics, Excel Tables, or commensurate experience. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 7–8:30 PM

Excel VLOOKUP

Demystify this handy function that allows you to compare two lists. Prerequisites: Excel Basics, Excel Tables, or commensurate experience. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 7–8:30 PM

Excel Macros

Learn how to use the macro, a powerful tool that allows you to automate tasks. Prerequisites: Excel Basics or commensurate experience. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 7–8:30 PM

PowerPoint, Ready to Go

Get all the tools you need to create a basic presentation: adding content, basic animations, transitions, and presentation options. Prerequisite: Word Basics or commensurate experience. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 7–8:30 PM

PowerPoint Advanced

Learn to make your presentation livelier with animations and multimedia. Prerequisite: PowerPoint, Ready to Go. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 7–8:30 PM



One-on-One Tech Help

Book a 45-minute appointment with a librarian to get help with:

- the library website, catalog, or online resources for research
- downloading e-books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, or music from the library
- computer software
- the library Media Lab

Vernon Area Public Library cardholders only, please. Request an appointment (required), up to two per month: 224-543-1485 or at vapld.info/techhelp.

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Monday–Thursday	9 AM–9 PM
Friday & Saturday	9 AM–5 PM
Sunday	12–5 PM



Closings

April 12	Easter
April 17	Closed until 1 PM (open 1–5 PM)
May 24 & 25	Memorial Day weekend

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bump to baby expo

Find out what's new and tried and true in parenting during the early years. Hear local experts on key topics for moms and dads, browse local services, and enter to win fantastic prizes. Saturday, April 25. Free. Open to all. See listing, p. 8.